
SENATE BILL No. 159

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18.

Synopsis: Special group recognition license plates. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a special group recognition license plate to honor Indiana Vietnam era veterans. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a license plate to honor veterans who have received the Silver Star medal. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a special group recognition license plate to honor Indiana Korean era veterans. Allows an individual who is eligible to receive a Vietnam era, Silver Star, or Korean era license plate to receive a personalized license plate. Exempts Vietnam era, Silver Star, and Korean era license plates from minimum sales requirements. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to issue an Indiana child protection trust license plate. Creates a Huntington College trust special group recognition license plate. Creates an Ancilla College trust special group recognition license plate. Creates a Valparaiso University trust special group recognition license plate. Creates an Indiana Boys and Girls Clubs trust special group recognition license plate. Specifies the method of distribution for the funds deposited in these special group recognition trust funds.

Effective: January 1, 2003.

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January 8, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-1999,
 2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JANUARY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner
 4 or lessee of a:
 5 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
 6 (2) motorcycle;
 7 (3) recreational vehicle; or
 8 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
 9 not more than:
 10 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
 11 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
 12 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
 13 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
 14 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
 15 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
 16 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.
 17 (b) A person who:



- 1 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in
 2 subsection (a); and
 3 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:
 4 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);
 5 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);
 6 (C) IC 9-18-19 (purple heart license plates);
 7 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana national guard license plates);
 8 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana guard reserve license plates);
 9 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);
 10 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);
 11 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);
 12 (I) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);
 13 (J) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);
 14 (K) IC 9-18-30 (children's trust license plates);
 15 (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);
 16 (M) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);
 17 (N) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);
 18 (O) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);
 19 (P) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);
 20 (Q) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);
 21 (R) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);
 22 (S) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license
 23 plates);
 24 (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license
 25 plates);
 26 (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);
 27 (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);
 28 (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);
 29 (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);
 30 (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American Trust license
 31 plates);
 32 (Z) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates); or
 33 (AA) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust
 34 license plates);
 35 **(BB) IC 9-18-47 (Vietnam era veteran license plates);**
 36 **(CC) IC 9-18-48 (Silver Star license plates);**
 37 **(DD) IC 9-18-49 (Korean era veteran license plates);**
 38 **(EE) IC 9-18-50 (Indiana child protection trust license**
 39 **plates);**
 40 **(FF) IC 9-18-51 (Huntington College trust license plates);**
 41 **(GG) IC 9-18-52 (Ancilla College trust license plates);**
 42 **(HH) IC 9-18-53 (Valparaiso University trust license**

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1 **plates); or**
 2 **(II) IC 9-18-54 (Indiana boys and girls club trust license**
 3 **plates);**

4 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed
 5 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular
 6 special recognition license plate.

7 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 9 **JANUARY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1.5. Section 15 of this chapter does not**
 10 **apply to a license plate issued under the following:**

- 11 **(1) IC 9-18-47.**
 12 **(2) IC 9-18-48.**
 13 **(3) IC 9-18-49.**

14 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 15 A **NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 16 **JANUARY 1, 2003]:**

17 **Chapter 47. Vietnam Era Veteran License Plates**

18 **Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue a Vietnam era veteran**
 19 **license plate. The Vietnam era veteran license plate shall be**
 20 **designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate**
 21 **under IC 9-18-25.**

22 **Sec. 2. A Vietnam era veteran license plate designed under**
 23 **IC 9-18-25 must include the following:**

- 24 **(1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or**
 25 **letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.**
 26 **(2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate**
 27 **the license plate as a Vietnam era veteran license plate.**
 28 **(3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**

29 **Sec. 3. After December 31, 2002, a person who is a resident of**
 30 **Indiana and served in the armed forces of the United States any**
 31 **time from January 1, 1959, until May 7, 1975, may apply for and**
 32 **receive one (1) or more Vietnam era veteran license plates upon**
 33 **doing the following:**

- 34 **(1) Completing an application for a Vietnam era veteran**
 35 **license plate.**
 36 **(2) Paying the fees under section 4 of this chapter.**

37 **Sec. 4. The fees for a Vietnam era veteran license plate are the**
 38 **appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a)(1) and the fee under**
 39 **IC 9-29-5-38(a)(2).**

40 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 41 A **NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 42 **JANUARY 1, 2003]:**

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1 **Chapter 48. Silver Star License Plates**

2 **Sec. 1.** The bureau shall design and issue a passenger vehicle
3 license plate that will designate the vehicle as being registered to a
4 person who has received a Silver Star medal that is awarded to an
5 individual who demonstrates gallantry in action against an armed
6 enemy.

7 **Sec. 2.** A resident of Indiana who is a recipient of a Silver Star
8 medal may apply for and receive one (1) or more Silver Star license
9 plates.

10 **Sec. 3.** A Silver Star license plate may only be displayed on a
11 vehicle registered by a person described in section 2 of this chapter.

12 SECTION 5. IC 9-18-49 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
13 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JANUARY 1, 2003]:

15 **Chapter 49. Korean Era Veteran License Plates**

16 **Sec. 1.** The bureau shall design and issue a Korean era veteran
17 license plate. The Korean era veteran license plate shall be
18 designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate
19 under IC 9-18-25.

20 **Sec. 2.** A Korean era veteran license plate designed under
21 IC 9-18-25 must include the following:

- 22 (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or
23 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.
24 (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate
25 the license plate as a Korean era veteran license plate.
26 (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

27 **Sec. 3.** After December 31, 2002, a person who is a resident of
28 Indiana and served in the armed forces of the United States any
29 time from June 27, 1950, until January 31, 1955, may apply for and
30 receive one (1) or more Korean era veteran license plates upon
31 doing the following:

- 32 (1) Completing an application for a Korean era veteran
33 license plate.
34 (2) Paying the fees under section 4 of this chapter.

35 **Sec. 4.** The fees for a Korean era veteran license plate are the
36 appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a)(1) and the fee under
37 IC 9-29-5-38(a)(2).

38 SECTION 6. IC 9-18-50 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
39 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JANUARY 1, 2003]:

41 **Chapter 50. Indiana Child Protection Trust License Plates**

42 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "child adoption agency" means

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1 a nonpublic charitable organization exempt from federal taxation
2 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code that:

- 3 (1) is licensed as a child placing agency under IC 12-17.4-6;
4 and
5 (2) facilitates the adoption of children.

6 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "crisis pregnancy center" means
7 a charitable organization exempt from federal taxation under
8 Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code that is:

- 9 (1) located within Indiana; and
10 (2) organized for the purpose of providing counseling for
11 pregnant women and persons relative to the pregnancy on
12 matters intended to result in a live birth and possible home
13 placement of the child.

14 Sec. 3. The bureau shall design and issue an Indiana child
15 protection trust license plate. The Indiana child protection trust
16 license plate shall be designed and issued as a special group
17 recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25.

18 Sec. 4. After December 31, 2002, a person who is eligible to
19 register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive an Indiana
20 child protection trust license plate under this chapter upon doing
21 the following:

- 22 (1) Completing an application for an Indiana child protection
23 trust license plate.
24 (2) Paying the fees under section 5 of this chapter.

25 Sec. 5. (a) The fees for an Indiana child protection trust license
26 plate are as follows:

- 27 (1) The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a).
28 (2) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

29 (b) The bureau shall collect the fee described in subsection
30 (a)(2).

31 (c) The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be
32 deposited in the fund established by section 6 of this chapter.

33 Sec. 6. (a) The Indiana child protection trust fund is established.

34 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
35 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
36 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that
37 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

38 (c) The commissioner shall administer the trust fund. Expenses
39 of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

40 (d) On June 30 of each year, the commissioner shall distribute
41 the money from the fund to the organization established under
42 section 7 of this chapter.

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1 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
2 revert to the state general fund.

3 Sec. 7. (a) To qualify for distributions from the Indiana child
4 protection trust fund, representatives of charitable organizations
5 that are located within Indiana, that are exempt from federal
6 taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, and
7 that are designated in subsection (b) must establish an organization
8 that:

9 (1) is a charitable organization exempt from federal taxation
10 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

11 (2) is registered to do business in Indiana;

12 (3) is located in Indiana; and

13 (4) exists for the purpose of raising funds on behalf of the
14 organizations designated in subsection (b).

15 (b) An organization established under subsection (a) must
16 include the following:

17 (1) Three (3) representatives from crisis pregnancy centers.

18 (2) Two (2) representatives from child adoption agencies.

19 (c) The organization established under subsection (a) shall
20 distribute money received through a distribution under section 6
21 of this chapter to the organizations designated under section 8 of
22 this chapter.

23 Sec. 8. (a) The organization established under section 7(a) of this
24 chapter shall provide applications that allow a person purchasing
25 an Indiana child protection trust license plate to designate:

26 (1) a crisis pregnancy center;

27 (2) a child adoption agency; or

28 (3) any other charitable organization that is:

29 (A) exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c) of
30 the Internal Revenue Code;

31 (B) registered to do business in Indiana;

32 (C) located in Indiana; and

33 (D) approved by the organization established under section
34 7(a) of this chapter;

35 as the recipient of the fee collected from the person under section
36 5(a)(2) of this chapter.

37 (b) Notwithstanding the designation of fees under this section,
38 the organization established under section 7(a) of this chapter may
39 retain from each distribution of funds to the organization under
40 section 6(d) of this chapter an amount sufficient to pay the
41 reasonable costs of administering the program.

42 SECTION 7. IC 9-18-51 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS

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1 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JANUARY 1, 2003]:

3 **Chapter 51. Huntington College Trust License Plates**

4 **Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue a Huntington College**
5 **trust license plate. The Huntington College trust license plate shall**
6 **be designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate**
7 **under IC 9-18-25.**

8 **Sec. 2. After December 31, 2002, a person who is eligible to**
9 **register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive a Huntington**
10 **College trust license plate under this chapter upon doing the**
11 **following:**

12 (1) **Completing an application for a Huntington College trust**
13 **license plate.**

14 (2) **Paying the fees under section 3 of this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 3. (a) The fees for a Huntington College trust license plate**
16 **are as follows:**

17 (1) **The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a).**

18 (2) **An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).**

19 (b) **The annual fee referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be**
20 **collected by the bureau.**

21 (c) **The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be**
22 **deposited in the fund established by section 4 of this chapter.**

23 **Sec. 4. (a) The Huntington College trust fund is established.**

24 (b) **The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
25 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
26 **manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that**
27 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**
28 **Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes**
29 **of this section.**

30 (c) **The commissioner shall administer the fund. Expenses of**
31 **administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.**

32 (d) **On June 30 of each year, the commissioner shall distribute**
33 **the money from the fund to Huntington College.**

34 (e) **Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
35 **revert to the state general fund.**

36 SECTION 8. IC 9-18-52 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
37 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JANUARY 1, 2003]:

39 **Chapter 52. Ancilla College Trust License Plates**

40 **Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue an Ancilla College**
41 **trust license plate. The Ancilla College trust license plate shall be**
42 **designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate**

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1 under IC 9-18-25.

2 **Sec. 2.** After December 31, 2002, a person who is eligible to
3 register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive an Ancilla
4 College trust license plate under this chapter upon doing the
5 following:

6 (1) Completing an application for an Ancilla College trust
7 license plate.

8 (2) Paying the fees under section 3 of this chapter.

9 **Sec. 3. (a)** The fees for an Ancilla College trust license plate are
10 as follows:

11 (1) The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a).

12 (2) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

13 (b) The annual fee referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be
14 collected by the bureau.

15 (c) The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be
16 deposited in the fund established by section 4 of this chapter.

17 **Sec. 4. (a)** The Ancilla College trust fund is established.

18 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
19 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
20 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that
21 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
22 Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes
23 of this section.

24 (c) The commissioner shall administer the fund. Expenses of
25 administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

26 (d) On June 30 of each year, the commissioner shall distribute
27 the money from the fund to Ancilla College.

28 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
29 revert to the state general fund.

30 SECTION 9. IC 9-18-53 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
31 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JANUARY 1, 2003]:

33 **Chapter 53. Valparaiso University Trust License Plates**

34 **Sec. 1.** The bureau shall design and issue a Valparaiso
35 University trust license plate. The Valparaiso University trust
36 license plate shall be designed and issued as a special group
37 recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25.

38 **Sec. 2.** After December 31, 2002, a person who is eligible to
39 register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive a Valparaiso
40 University trust license plate under this chapter upon doing the
41 following:

42 (1) Completing an application for a Valparaiso University

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1 trust license plate.

2 (2) Paying the fees under section 3 of this chapter.

3 Sec. 3. (a) The fees for a Valparaiso University trust license
4 plate are as follows:

5 (1) The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a).

6 (2) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

7 (b) The annual fee referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be
8 collected by the bureau.

9 (c) The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be
10 deposited in the fund established by section 4 of this chapter.

11 Sec. 4. (a) The Valparaiso University trust fund is established.

12 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
13 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
14 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that
15 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
16 Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes
17 of this section.

18 (c) The commissioner shall administer the fund. Expenses of
19 administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

20 (d) On June 30 of each year, the commissioner shall distribute
21 the money from the fund to Valparaiso University.

22 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
23 revert to the state general fund.

24 SECTION 10. IC 9-18-54 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
25 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JANUARY 1, 2003]:

27 **Chapter 54. Indiana Boys and Girls Clubs License Plates**

28 Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue an Indiana boys and
29 girls club trust license plate. The Indiana boys and girls club trust
30 license plate shall be designed and issued as a special group
31 recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25.

32 Sec. 2. After December 31, 2002, a person who is eligible to
33 register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive an Indiana
34 Boys and Girls Clubs trust license plate upon doing the following:

35 (1) Completing an application for an Indiana Boys and Girls
36 Clubs trust license plate.

37 (2) Paying the appropriate fee under section 3 of this chapter.

38 Sec. 3. (a) The fees for an Indiana Boys and Girls Clubs trust
39 license plate are as follows:

40 (1) The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a).

41 (2) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

42 (b) The annual fee referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be

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(c) The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be deposited in the fund established by section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) The Indiana Boys and Girls Clubs trust fund is established.

(b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(c) The commissioner shall administer the fund. Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) On June 30 of each year, the commissioner shall distribute money from the fund to the organization established under section 5 of this chapter.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

Sec. 5. (a) The representative Boys and Girls Clubs that are located entirely or partially within Indiana shall establish an organization that:

- (1) is a charitable organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (2) is registered to do business in Indiana;
- (3) is located in Indiana; and
- (4) exists for the purpose of raising funds on behalf of all of the Boys and Girls Clubs that are located entirely or partially within Indiana.

(b) The organization shall distribute the money received under section 4 of this chapter to each Boys and Girls Clubs that is located entirely or partially within Indiana.

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